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## TEAR GAS USED ON RIOTERS

Tramway workers start  
trouble at the Valley

### POLICE ATTACKED

#### Raid on Shanghai kills 700

London, January 30. Seven hundred were killed on January 25. Seven hundred were injured and over 400 houses destroyed in the Chinese Nationalist air raid on Shanghai on January 25.

The Soviet News Agency, Tass, reported this today, quoting the latest casualty figures from the city.

It said the raid was the heaviest since the withdrawal of Kuomintang troops from Shanghai.—Reuters.

#### HAINAN DEFENCE PROSPECTS

Holow, January 30. General Hsueh Yuchi, Nationalist military commander of Hainan Island, said today that his forces will hold the island if the impending Red invasion is held off until after April 1.

The General said Nationalist gunboats and planes are dependent upon to hold off the Reds on nearby Lulchow Peninsula until defences here can be erected and our 140,000 troops trained into first-class fighting units.

Planes based here daily pound the Red-held coast that may be seen from Holow across Hainan Strait, which is less than 10 miles wide at some points.

General Hsueh said that eight Red armies, under General Lin Pao, are preparing to attack Holow. He estimates their strength at about 100,000 men. He discounts as Communist propaganda reports that 250,000 Red troops are being staged for the assault.

The former Kwangtung Government said he and his staff are pinning their hopes for breaking spell on the belief that the Communists are giving the invasion of Taiwan and the penetration of Indo-China a much higher priority.

Nationalist authorities here are anxious to give the impression that Hainan Island is fairly secure. They hope thereby to encourage American aid and increase the meagre assistance being given them by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's regime in Taiwan.

The chances of a successful defence of Hainan Island in the next few months do not appear as good as the military men say.

The Island will remain for a long time in a precarious position and subject to invasion any day, neutral observers think.

General Hsueh asserted that Chinese Reds are providing arms for rebels in Indo-China.

He said Nationalist agents on the mainland reported arms shipments across the Indo-China border to Viet Minh troops under Ho Chi Minh.

"The Chinese Communists prefer to invade Indo-China, Burma and Siam before they invade this Island," the garrison commander declared.

He added that the Chinese Reds are moving troops to the Indo-China border and charged that the Russians are involved in the action.—Associated Press.

FULLY-ARMED POLICE DETACHMENTS AVERTED A DISTURBANCE OF SERIOUS PROPORTIONS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF THE RUSSELL STREET TRAMWAY DEPOT LAST NIGHT WHEN HUNDREDS OF WORKERS CLIMAXED THEIR DISPUTE WITH THE TRAMWAY MANAGEMENT IN AN OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE.

Steel-helmeted police squads dispersed threatening crowds by the use of tear gas bombs as the tramway workers, backed by several hundred sympathisers, hurled stones, rocks and empty bottles at the police who were guarding the approaches to the depot.

The demonstration marked a dramatic stage in the month-old dispute between the tramway management and the workers who are demanding a \$3 a day increase in pay.

Only alert action in dispersing the crowds prevented the riot from deteriorating into a major clash between the police and workers.

Agitators loudly and openly provoked the men, who stood several deep along the pavements in defiance of the police, 30 yards away.

At no time did the police permit the demonstration to get out of hand, and no shots were fired. Red-Cross and Fire Brigade ambulances were on hand, but injuries were superficial and there were no cases of hospitalisation.

The demonstration, which began shortly after 8 p.m., when agitators mingled with the crowd uttering slogans against the tramway management, took a turn for the worse when a few irresponsible idlers began to throw stones at the police patrol guarding the Russell Street depot.

This was reported to have followed the seizure by a small police patrol of a loudspeaker set up by the strikers and over which they were shouting slogans.

The police charged at the men in self-defence, and the confusion thus created was swiftly seized upon by the key trouble-makers who encouraged the workers to become more violent.

#### Tear gas used

Holow, January 30. Captain C. X. Miguel said yesterday that his 600-ton Portuguese freighter San Manuel is being held hostage in Holow Harbour by the Chinese Nationalist Navy.

He charged that the Nationalists seized his vessel while she was anchored eight miles off the Lulchow Peninsula outside Chinese territorial waters.

He asserted the action was in reprisal for the seizure of a Nationalist gunboat last month by the Macao authorities.

Captain Miguel said his vessel was boarded on January 13 by an armed party from the gunboat Taicheng. His radio was shut down and the San Manuel was escorted here by the gunboat.

The San Manuel was carrying 500 tons of cement from Haiphong, Indo-China, and intended to proceed to Macao via Hong Kong. This voyage meant going through the Hainan Strait between the tip of the Lulchow Peninsula and this island.

The San Manuel has a crew of 21 Chinese.—Associated Press.

#### OVERTURES TO TAIWAN EXILES

Exiled Taiwan political leaders disclosed yesterday that the Chinese Nationalist regime is making efforts to bring about a peace party.

Mr. Charles Young, spokesman for the Formosa Independence Movement, told the "China Mail" yesterday that Dr. K. C. Wu, new Governor of Taiwan, was through various channels approaching the leaders of the movement for a peace conference.

He said that the negotiations by the Nationalists were at an early stage. He said that the movement is determined to assist the Chinese government from Taiwan and also to represent the Chinese Communists.

He said that the movement is

not yet ready to be called

to a peace conference.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum: 73.3 deg. Fah.

Minimum: 64.8 deg. Fah.

Wind: 8.3 miles per hour.

Clouds: 80%.

Visibility: 10 miles.

Temperature: 68.3 deg. Fah.

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## REPORT FROM SHANGHAI

## CHINESE COMMUNISTS PREPARING FOR WAR

## Trade offer from San Francisco

Influenced by the possibility of a third world war, however remote the outbreak might be, the Chinese Communist Party is devoting its main efforts to definitive war preparations, according to a recent arrival from Shanghai.

The preparations are being made with the assistance of Soviet Russia. Mr. C. G. Tan, freelance journalist and trader who travelled from Shanghai by railway on his way abroad, told the "China Mail" yesterday.

He added that "liberated" China is today stagnant, industrially and economically. Shortage of industrial materials, consequent on the Nationalist naval blockade, has bid up the cost of living. In the throes of a serious inflation.

He said that the once thriving city of Shanghai is slowly becoming a "Sleepy Hollow" in which trade and commerce, "national bourgeoisie," private industrialists, financiers, etc., are being steadily expropriated under the new tax scheme.

Mr. Tan said that it cannot be denied that the Chinese Communists, in pursuing their policy of true Marxist fashion, are very efficient tax-collectors. Their policy of ministering to the welfare of the peasants and industrial workers is, however, materialising too slowly.

## Higher taxes

He added that under the Nationalists, the Chinese peasant contributed 20 per cent. of the national budget. Under the new regime, they are contributing 30 per cent.

Industrial workers—about 1,600,000 throughout China with the majority in Shanghai—are also going through a trying time, he said. He added that they are far from being in a position to lead the Chinese revolution as the Chinese Communist Party has planned.

The largest memorial to the Air Forces will be in Surrey, England, bearing the names of all those who were lost in operations from bases in the United Kingdom and North West Europe.

Others will be at Malta, at Singapore, and in Canada. In the South and South West Pacific, eight memorials will commemorate together those of the land and air forces and merchant navies of Australia and New Zealand.—Reuter.

## Personalia

Mr. R. C. Lemmon, Senior Treasury Accountant, Federation of Malaya, has been selected by the Secretary of State for the Colonies for appointment as Accountant-General, Hong Kong, in the place of Mr. H. H. Hirst who has been appointed Accountant-General in Nigeria.

Mr. Lemmon will arrive in the Colony as Corfu on February 13 to assume his duties. Mr. Hirst will leave for the United Kingdom on February 17.

Mr. Henry Graham Gregory-Smith, Commissioner for the Interior, British Guiana, has been appointed Resident Commissioner, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

Mr. Anthony Foster Abell has been appointed as Governor and Comptroller-in-Chief of Sarawak, in succession to the late Mr. Duncan George Stewart, CMG.

Among the passengers who arrived here by CPA yesterday included Joseph S. Fletcher, Alroy D. Phipps, Francis Royle, Leo Heng, Chih Hua and Lee Sin-sie.

Messrs. Antonio Chan, Marc Couturier, Mr. and Mrs. Seelert left the Colony by Air France yesterday for Saigon.

Week-end departure from the Peninsula Hotel included Mr. and Mrs. S. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. B. Althorpe, Miss V. Tait, Messrs. C. A. Fillingham, C. H. Tucker, W. Hui and S. H. Jerold Knud.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Tang, Miss B. L. Bixby, Miss S. G. Longino, Miss B. M. Kelly, Miss A. Magis, Mrs. S. D. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mason, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mantz, Messrs. P. Saunders, D. L. Pleters, L. F. Murphy, V. W. Daley, K. P. Ghosh, Captain R. R. Rule, Major J. A. Gault and J. G. Faulkner.

**Army bands to provide spectacle**

Floodlights and the Regimental Bands of the 40th Infantry Division, together with the Pipes and Drums of the Scottish and Gurkha Regiments will provide a spectacle of music and colour next month for all music lovers of Hong Kong.

The first show will be given at the Police Sports Ground, Boundary Street, on February 1 and the second will be at Spookpool Football Ground, Hong Kong on February 16.

Eight Regimental bands, comprising some 280 musicians, will play well known pieces by Sibelius, Lehár, Tchaikovsky and others.

As an added attraction, the Pipes and Drums of three Scottish Regiments and the 2/4th Gurkha Rifles in full dress will march and counter-march in the night and will carry out the traditional ceremony of "Beating the Retreat."

The programme is due to commence on both days at 9 p.m. and will last about two hours. As the evening progresses, the arena will be illuminated by numerous floodlights.

Tickets at \$3, \$2, \$1, each, may be obtained from Moultrie, Hong Kong and E. C. Fletcher, sports dealer, Salisbury Road, or at any Service Club.

**PERSIAN QUAKE TOLL RISES**

Tehran, January 30. More than 1,000 people died in a series of earthquakes which started last Wednesday, near Bushire and which were followed by floods. This was disclosed by a Government source who said that about 20 villages disappeared during the quakes.

Snow and sleet are preventing relief teams from reaching the stricken area but the Army will attempt today to supply food and clothing to the victims by air.

News of the earthquake was delayed because all communications were cut off.

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Beside the family wreathes which were sent by Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Varty, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Parry, the Rev. George S. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. T. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Harrison, Mrs. J. K. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. G. Drummond, Mrs. R. A. Wickerson, and many others.

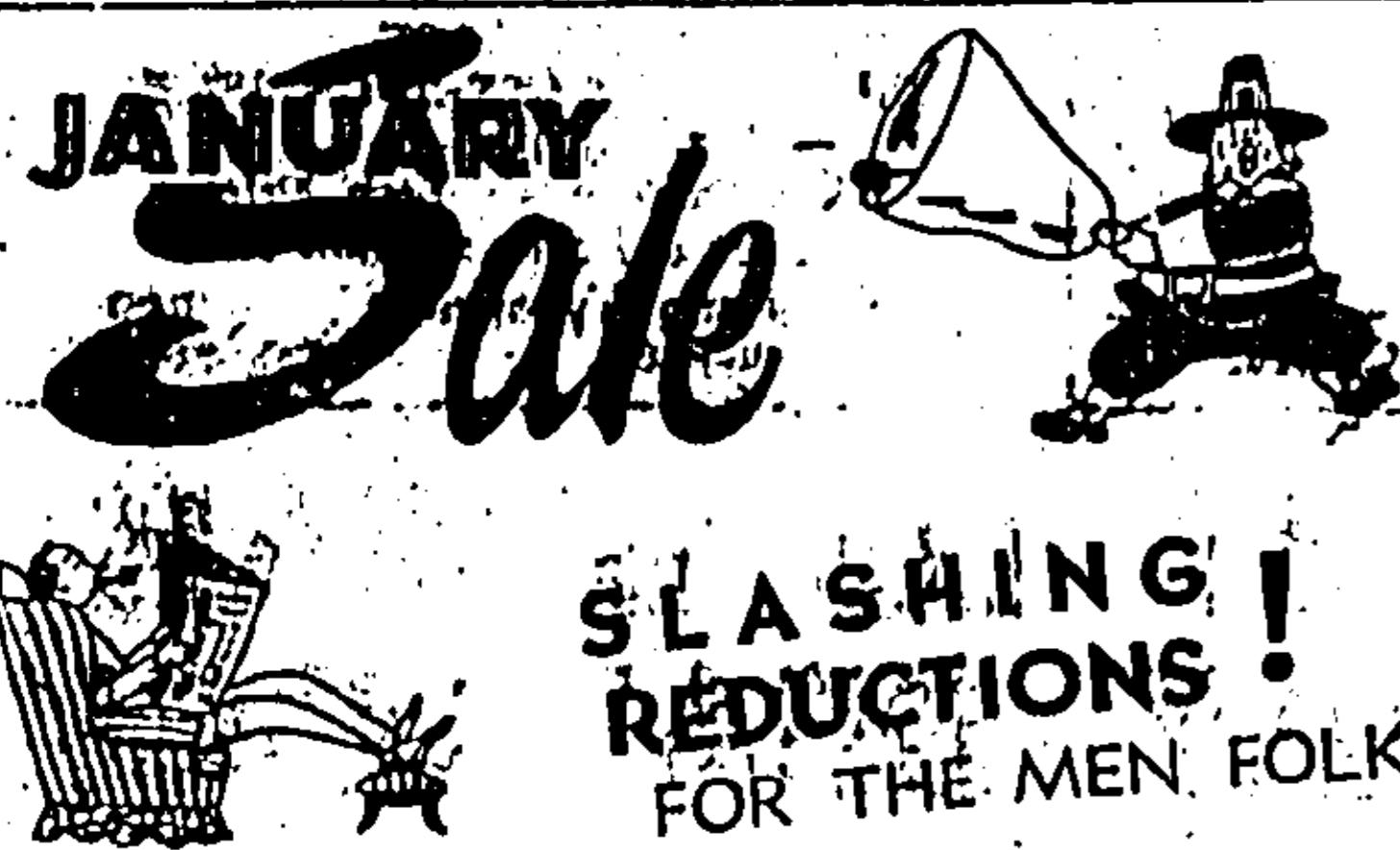
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**HEALTH-RETURN**

Forty-two deaths from tuberculosis were reported in the Health Return for the week ended January 21. There were 100 new deaths from malignant and non-malignant diseases.

Deaths from all causes in the same week totalled 301, of which 283 births.



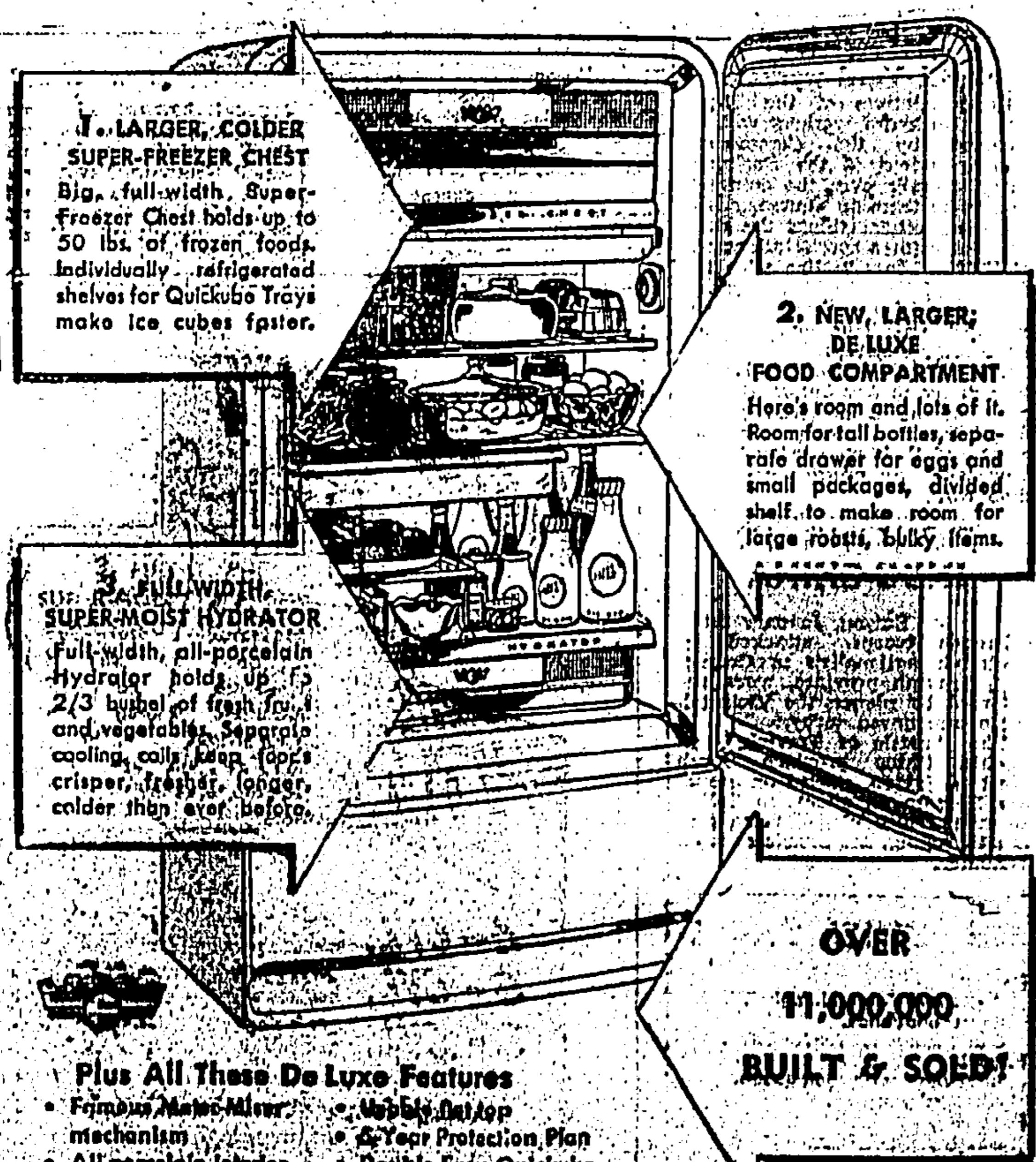
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## Correspondence

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## A Volunteer and his rifle

Sir.—The report in the "Sunday Herald" of January 20 regarding an incident between the Police and a member of the Hong Kong Defence Force must, I feel sure, arouse much indignation from other localborn members of the Volunteers. If your report was an accurate account of what occurred, it shows a great lack of common-sense and courtesy on the part of the Police.

The word of a Volunteer, particularly if supported by credentials, should be sufficient to satisfy any Police officer, or a later, a less considerate, or a Superintendent. There is absolutely no excuse to act as though a man holding a rifle is immediately cause for suspicion. Common-sense would show that no criminal would walk or ride around the Colony with arms openly displayed. I trust the Police apologised to the Volunteer for the trouble to which he was put.

Yours etc.,  
VOLUNTEER.

The trouble seems to have been due to the fact that the policeman concerned was a Chinese, who would hardly be likely to know of HKDF Orders or understand the Volunteer's papers.—Ed.

## The train suspension

The public is fully justified in complaining of the long period of stoppage of work by the Tramway Company, which has caused great inconvenience to those who travel back and forth daily to their offices. However, the blame seems to lie solely on the tramway workers. Does the public ever for a moment realise that any inconvenience to them is shared in suffering in a much greater proportion by families of the workers? We should also realise that they are sacrificing something to fight for the very bare necessities of life, and not for luxury, or fame which the people of the higher society are striving for.

The main question underlying this dispute is that of pay. Though the pay of the workers has been increased compared to pre-war standard, the cost of living has increased by a considerably higher amount. Mr. Kennedy Skipton, who was Chairman of the Urban Council in 1940, has clearly stated that according to the present level of communism, the workers' demand is justifiable and that, according to statistics, the misunderstanding could have been reached.

No local-born member of the Defence Force would feel happy on future occasions, if a similar incident should occur. Volunteers are civilians who have given up much of their time to serve the interests of the Colony.

The tendency to lay the blame on the workers is also reduced by the belief that the HKDF is motivated principally for a political reason. However, it is generally acknowledged that the workers' demand is justifiable and that, according to statistics, the workers' demand is not for luxury, or fame which the people of the higher society are striving for.

Taking a brief review of history, we find that in the days of slavery, people are forced to work without pay. Later, during the Middle Ages, people might choose to work if they found that pay satisfactory. But society has now come to a stage that the workers must be protected and that forced satisfaction does not mean falsehood and does not fulfil the moral obligations of the Management towards the workers. This moral sense of fairness is what the Union is striving for, for its members.

Since financially and morally the management is unjustified in their action, we can only let them shoulder more of the responsibility for this inconvenience caused by the stoppage of the trains.

Yours etc.,  
STUCK-UP.

## Funeral

Mrs. G. S. M. Lister

A service for the late Mrs. Joyce Lister, wife of Mr. G. S. M. Lister, who died at St. Paul's Hospital after a long illness, was held at St. John's Cathedral yesterday. The Rev. Dr. Rose, assisted by the Rev. George She, officiated.

The service, most of whom were friends of the family from England and North China, they included Mr. and Mrs. Foster Holl, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Neville McEwan, Mr. R. S. Davis, Mr. Arthur Watt, Mrs. R. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. S. Davis, Mr. T. P. R. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Pinnell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wakefield, Mrs. Scott-Bowars, Colonel H. Owen-Hughes, Messrs. D. Brindley, M. Hodish, R. H. T. Smith, W. K. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Harrison, Mrs. J. K. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. G. Drummond, Mrs. R. A. Wickerson, and many others.

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# GENERAL SONGKRAM TELLS HIS STORY

## Reminders

### Today

HK Rotary Club luncheon, talk by Mr. W. V. Pennell and Mr. Rankin, 12.30 p.m.

Looking Forward and Back, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Urban Council meeting GPO bldg., 4.15 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

British Council sponsored lecture on "Grand Aristocracy" by G.B. Endicott, British Council Library, 5.30 p.m.

European YMCA, Bridge Drive, 8 p.m.

HK Football Referees Association monthly meeting HKFA office, Prince's Bldg., 6.30 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.

HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6.45 p.m.

Cheero Services Club, Whist Drive, 7.45 p.m.

HQFL Sergeant's Mess, Whist Drive, Queen's Road East, 8 p.m.

### Coming Events

**TOMORROW**  
Nine Dragons Services Club dancing class, 2.30 p.m.; Services spotlight, 9 p.m.

Toc H meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 6.30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
Kowloon Rotary Club, luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club, luncheon at Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

HK Women's International Club, Whist Drive for Services, 7.30 p.m.

**Exiled Deputy Commander in Chief of the Siamese Army, General Kach Songkram, bitterly denounced the Siamese Government yesterday, and demanded that he be returned to Siam for court trial.**

The General, who arrived under Siamese police escort in Hong Kong on Sunday by special plane from Bangkok, said that his deportation was unconstitutional and barbarous.

He was dressed in an old army uniform, minus socks, when interviewed at a Hong Kong hotel yesterday.

The General said: "On January 27, the Deputy General of Police of Bangkok arrested me in my home and took me to police headquarters. I was unable to understand that I am a plotter against the Siamese Government, that I attack the Siamese Government. That is true, yes I am a plotter; yes, I do attack the Government, but it is against our constitution to exile me from my home."

## Charity Ball at Gripps

The Shangri-la Ball of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association will be held at The Gripps, Hong Kong Hotel, on February 24, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Committee announced yesterday.

The Ball will be held under the distinguished patronage of the Governor and Lady Grantham.

Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Association, which is organising the ball, is Mrs. Violet Chan; chairman of the Ball itself is Mrs. H. Talbot.

Tickets, Mrs. Talbot told the press yesterday, are priced at \$50 for a couple, and \$30 for a single person. Tickets include dinner and entertainment, but exclude drinks.

Members of the Forces may purchase tickets at the special price of \$30 for a couple, but must be in uniform when doing so.

As in past years it is hoped that the Governor and Lady Grantham will be able to attend the Ball in person, Mrs. Talbot said.

A programme of entertainment and features is being prepared, and according to present response, the affair will be as lavish as in the past.

### Biggest support

Mrs. Talbot said the Association derives its biggest financial support from these annual balls.

The Association is now looking after 41 clubs, an advance of 13 clubs over the previous figure of 28. This rise calls for additional money.

To help with immediate requirements, the chairman said that she would appreciate if people caring to send donations will forward them to Mr. John Blincko, the Association's honorary treasurer, care of the Inland Revenue Department, Windsor House.

The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association started in Hong Kong in 1936 when a group of foreign and Chinese police, who had collected a handful of youngsters from the streets and were giving them a place to play in at the police station, joined with the magistrate in charge of the Children's Court and some Toc H members, and began the first Boys' Club. By 1941 there were 20 clubs in the Colony, but none survived the occupation.

A gift of \$15,000 from Cetaria-Chiang Kai-shek's Relief Fund, given to the Association by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in 1945, enabled the Association to start again, and at present there are 41 clubs in the poorest districts of Hong Kong and Kowloon.

The party left the ballroom and took a taxi and when they were near the Bay View District they quarrelled again, and ended up in a fight.

## DANCE HOSTESSES IN COURT

"There are enough troubles in the world without your fighting," remarked Mr. F. X. d'Almaida at Central yesterday when he fined three dance hostesses, Cheung Ming-wah, Lam Law, both of the Sun Sun Hotel, and Suen Mang-lai, of 90 Nathan Road, on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Defendants, all formerly of Shanghai, were said to have quarrelled over some dancing business on Saturday evening in Nathan Road, near Kansu Street. They were bound over in \$25 for one year.

## COURT BREVITIES

Pleading not guilty to three charges of common assault, indecent assault and aggravated assault, Corporal Albert Drury of the Royal Air Force, was remanded two days for hearing by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

It was alleged that defendant on Saturday in Nathan Road assaulted Chan Lai-ping and indecently assaulted Chan Ping, a woman.

## AA route book

The Hong Kong Automobile Association has received an interesting book on automobile travel in Africa.

It is a route book of the main trunk roads throughout the whole of Africa compiled and published by the Automobile Association of South Africa.

The book contains detailed information up to May 1949 on automobile routes and travel in Egypt and the Sudan, Libya, Tunis and Algeria, the great Trans-Saharan Routes, French West Africa, Nigeria, the French and Belgian Congo, Kenya and Tanganyika, Angola, Rhodesia and Portuguese East Africa and the Union of South Africa.

Three "Coffle" defendants pleaded not guilty to the charge. The case will be heard on Friday, February 2.

Inspector D'Almaida told the court that the defendants actually bought the junk for \$350 from a third party who had subconcluded.

Mohan T. Dines, 18-year-old student, was fined \$25 by Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for driving a car without a licence along Kadzai Avenue on Sunday.

Chan Kam-wah, who allowed his car to be driven by an unlicensed driver, received the same fine.

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## CNAC pilots' application

Mr. M.A. da Silva yesterday made an application on behalf of American pilots of the China National Aviation Corporation for the appointment of a provisional liquidator in connection with the petition filed by the airline's wind-up, before Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, in chambers.

For the airline were Mr. Eldon Potter, K.O. Mr. Percy Chen and Mr. B.A. Bernachi, instructed by Mr. G.B. Ford.

Legal expenses occupied

Ben line has been trading with China for over 100 years

Familiar sights in Victoria Harbour are the sleek Ben Line ships. For the past 100 years, the ships of Wm. Thomson and Company of Edinburgh, managers of the Ben Line Steamers Limited, have been



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## Wing Hing arrives from Amoy

The British blockade runner Wing Hing arrived here yesterday with the biggest load of passengers from the Communist port of Amoy since she started running the blockade.

Before the end of the war, however, an extensive replacement programme was instituted to meet post-war requirements and orders were placed for new 10-knot cargo-liners, specially designed for the Far East trade.

The Benader, the latest of these vessels to be delivered, came into service in December last year. She made her debut in local waters early this month.

### New programme

In addition a number of vessels have been purchased so that by next month the fleet will have regained its pre-war strength.

Further expansion is planned and another building programme of new fast tonnage has been put in hand.

A feature of the fleet is that many of the ships are fitted with tankage suitable for the carriage of bulk oil, latex, etc.

The Scholbanch is specially designed for the carriage of heavy cargo such as locomotives, barges and tugs.

She has three derricks, capable of lifting 120 tons. All the vessels have single berth accommodation for the British personnel.

### Weekly service

Limited passenger accommodation is available on some of the vessels, but cargo is the chief interest.

The Ben Line runs a weekly service between Europe and the Orient. On the outward-berth a fast vessel sails from London once a fortnight, reaching Port Said, Singapore and Hong Kong in 10, 20 and 31 days, respectively.

From Hong Kong alternate vessels proceed to Bangkok and to Manila, which they are on schedule to reach in 40 and 38 days, respectively, after leaving London.

Direct services to and from Shanghai are at present temporarily suspended, but it is hoped that it will soon be possible to resume them.

## SEAMEN FLOWN FROM BAHREIN

Thirty-seven Chinese seamen of the Texaco Oil Company arrived here by a specially chartered British Overseas Airways aircraft from Bahrain yesterday.

Mostly Shanghai lads, the seamen were sent back from their posts by the oil company because their two-year contract agreement with Texaco had expired.

According to one of the returning men, the oil company offered them the choice of either leaving the company and being evacuated to their homes in China or remain with the oil company for other assignments.

So far none of the seamen has decided.

## Seaman fined for assault

On a charge of common assault, Emil Mohamed Aden, seaman, who is awaiting a place for repatriation back to the country of his origin, was fined \$15 and ordered to pay \$20 compensation by Mr. F. X. d'Almaida at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. Aden further told Mr. Justice Williams, Senior Pulse Judge, that in view of the Ordinance, the evidence in the deposition was not admissible, having been adduced through compulsory means.

In such circumstances it would not be possible to put the accused on trial, he added.

The Senior Pulse Judge then dismissed the jurisdictional hearing after explaining the position to them.

## AA route book

The Hong Kong Automobile Association has received an interesting book on automobile travel in Africa.

It is a route book of the main trunk roads throughout the whole of Africa compiled and published by the Automobile Association of South Africa.

The book contains detailed information up to May 1949 on automobile routes and travel in Egypt and the Sudan, Libya, Tunis and Algeria, the great Trans-Saharan Routes, French West Africa, Nigeria, the French and Belgian Congo, Kenya and Tanganyika, Angola, Rhodesia and Portuguese East Africa and the Union of South Africa.

Three "Coffle" defendants pleaded not guilty to the charge. The case will be heard on Friday, February 2.

Inspector D'Almaida told the court that the defendants actually bought the junk for \$350 from a third party who had subconcluded.

Mohan T. Dines, 18-year-old student, was fined \$25 by Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for driving a car without a licence along Kadzai Avenue on Sunday.

Chan Kam-wah, who allowed his car to be driven by an unlicensed driver, received the same fine.

## SEQUEL TO FIGHT IN STREET

Mr. Kait-ku and 14 others pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct by fighting on Saturday at Belcher Street. They were fined \$10 each by Mr. A. D. Scholten at Central yesterday. The 15 defendants are Shanghai people.

## FISH PRICES

Fish and seafood prices issued by the Labour Office were:

Fish and Flour, 1.2 catties ... \$1.3700

Vegetables, 1.9 catties ... \$1.2500

Oil, 0.7 catties ... \$1.2000

Salt, 1.6 catties ... \$1.1800

Fish, 0.4 catty ... \$1.1400

Fork, 0.3 catty ... \$1.0000

Firewood, 10 catties ... \$0.8000

Beef Curd, 14 pieces ... \$0.7000

Total ... \$11.2200

The average of the fast fish and flour for the week ended January 21, issued by the Labour Office, were:

Fish and Flour, 1.2 catties ... \$15.0000

The Belcher Street Allowance for the month of February will therefore be:

Daily-paid Workers—Airmen, \$3.40 a day; Colour, \$3.15 a day; Women, \$2.10 a day.

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## Luna Park suspect nabbed

Through the co-operation of

the Hong Kong and Macao Police Forces, the man alleged to be responsible for the burglary of the Luna Park office on January 2 has been arrested.

Mr. Richardson, Manager of the Luna Park, reported to the Police that his office on the first floor had been broken into on January 2. Access had been gained through a window which had been broken. About HK\$13,000 had been taken.

A man was arrested in Macao and extradited to Hong Kong last Friday. He will be charged in Court at Central today.

**Food and Fuel Costs**

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NOTICE  
DOG INOCULATION  
CENTRES

The following corrections and additions are made to the recent notice setting out the February programme for dog inoculation centres:

1. Sai Wan Ho Centre will operate at Sai Wan Ho Market Compound and not at Shaukiwan Police Station.
2. Aberdeen Centre will operate at the Aberdeen Market Compound.
3. Tsim Sha Tsui Centre the times of operation are 8-11 a.m. and 1-4.30 p.m.

N. B. M. WHITLEY,  
Secretary,  
Urban Council.

January 30, 1950.

THE HONG KONG  
JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 1st Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 11th February, 1950, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 2nd February, 1950.

By Order,  
S. A. SLEAP,  
Secretary.

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J. MOODIE,  
For General Manager,  
The Hongkong &  
Kowloon Wharf & Godown  
Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, January 28, 1950.

## NOTICE

In agreement with our Principals, it has been decided to hand over the Sole Representation of Messrs. Richard Hudnut and Messrs. Wm. R. Warner & Co., Inc. to our Associate Company, Messrs. Perrin Cooper & Co., Ltd., as from 1st February, 1950.

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Chan is additionally charged  
with possession of a dagger without  
a licence.

Detective Sub-Inspector Scrang  
successfully applied for a remand  
of three days in police custody of  
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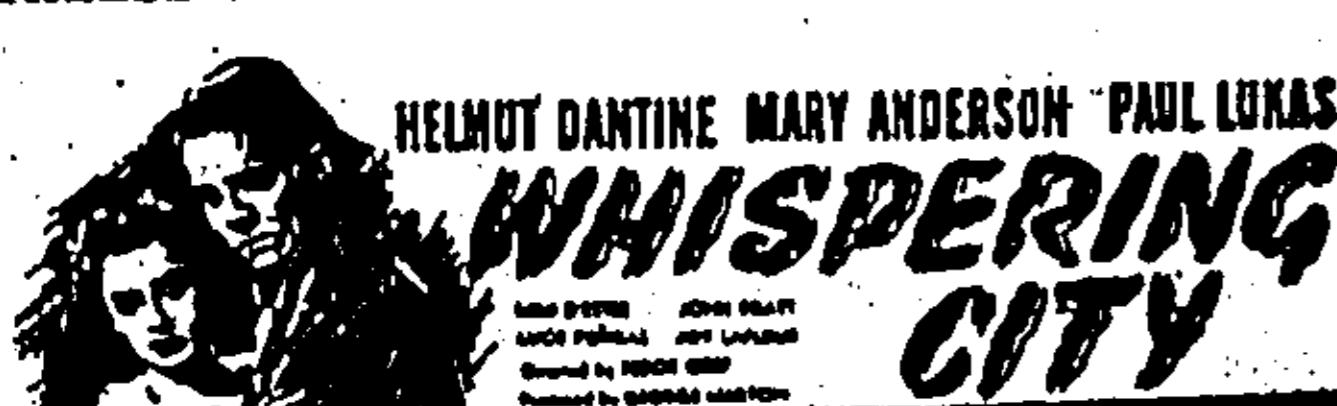
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JOHN HUSTON in **"WE WERE STRANGERS"****NEW GUINEA'S FUTURE  
AFFECTED BY "TURK"  
WESTERLING'S REVOLT**

New York, January 29.

The Netherlands' chances of retaining Dutch New Guinea have been enhanced by the success of "Turk" Westerling's defiance of Indonesian authority, according to diplomatic observers at The Hague, the "New York Times" said today.

The future of Dutch New Guinea was left in abeyance for one year at The Hague round-table conference, where the Indonesians negotiated their independence from the Dutch.

**WESTERN  
POWERS  
CHARGED**Prague, January 29.  
The controlled Czech Press charged today that the Western powers are deliberately delaying negotiations for an Austrian peace treaty to preserve "the present chaotic conditions in Austria."

The cultural newspaper, "Lidové Noviny," said that "whatever the imperialists agree to during the day under the pressure of the Soviet delegates they cancel at night."

The paper said, "Typical of the vexed articles of the peace treaty is a clause proposed by the Western powers. It would allow Austria to hire foreign nationals to operate military equipment and employ them in military and civil aviation posts. Thus the Western powers would secure an unlimited number of their instructors, who would run the Austrian Army and policy in the desired way."

"Lidové Noviny" said the imperialists delay the negotiations because they are the only ones interested in the preservation of the present chaotic conditions in Austria.

"Austria—according to the imperialists—should be held in the Western orbit at any price because it is an extremely important point in Central Europe."

"Therefore, the Anglo-Americans attempt to delay the negotiations by all means and intend to enslave Austria politically and economically. They want to resurrect Nazism, which is in substance the best guardian of the imperialist interests."—Associated Press.

Jessup in Jakarta

Mr. Philip C. Jessup, the U.S. Ambassador-at-large, arrived in Jakarta by plane tonight on his assignment to Asia. He expects to be in Indonesia for four or five days.

Mr. Jessup flew from French Indo-China, stopping for luncheon in Singapore. He will return to Singapore, then fly to Rangoon before the opening of the conference of U.S. Foreign Service officials next month in Bangkok.

He is accompanied by Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick and Dr. Everett Case, State Department consultants in the development of a new American policy in the Orient.

Mr. Jessup is best known in Indonesia for his sharp denunciations before the United Nations Security Council a year ago of Dutch military action against the Indonesian Republic.

Sudirman dead

Lieutenant-General Sudirman, Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Armed Forces, died today, according to Radio Jakarta.

General Sudirman died, according to the Radio, at Magelang, in Central Java, North West of Jakarta. He had been ill for some time. He rose to command his country's armed forces from being an obscure teacher and fought continuously against the Dutch during the past four years.

During the military action in December, 1948, he escaped into the hills beyond Jogjakarta, the

former Indonesian capital, and led the Indonesian guerrillas.

In a proclamation issued the following March, he said that he had returned to his armed forces in the woods and would continue to fight. Even then he was reported to be ailing and undergoing medical treatment.

Throughout the Indonesian campaign he was a frequent broadcaster over Jogjakarta Radio, urging his troops to stand firm against the Dutch until their aims were achieved.—Reuter and Associated Press.

But they also believe that former strong supporters of Indonesia's struggle for independence may now be hesitant in turning over the responsibility for New Guinea to a Government unable to control its own territory.

These observers contend that both Australia and the United States consider Dutch New Guinea to be of far more strategic military importance than the rest of the islands.

Both countries are vitally concerned with the maintenance of stability there.

These observers consider it to be significant that Australia and the United States which, with Belgium, form the United Nations Conciliation Commission on Indonesia, made no effort to persuade the Dutch to give up New Guinea during the round-table conference, even though the issue threatened the result of the entire negotiations for a time.

Mr. Gruson said it is believed at The Hague that it was with an eye to the future of New Guinea that the Indonesians made their recent charges about official Dutch relationships with Westerling.

"And you are afraid of this woman?" asked the judge incredulously.

"Yes Sir, I am," said Samson.

Hanson pleaded not guilty to breaking the peace. The case was dismissed. — Associated Press.

GERMAN APPEAL  
FOR CAPITAL

Wiesbaden, January 29. Dr. Franz Bleicher, the West German Vice-Chancellor, repeated here today his appeal for foreign capital to enable West German industry to start large-scale production in the spring.

Addressing a meeting of his Free Democratic Party, he said that Germany needs much capital but she is unable to raise it herself. He announced a German monetary and banking reorganization which should help the German economy to solve the problem of unemployment.

Dr. Bleicher said the stability of the Deutschmark one and a half years after the currency reform is proof of an able economic policy and of the self-discipline of the German people.

"But Germany has also to recognize that no economic improvement would have been possible without Marshall Aid," he added.—Reuter.

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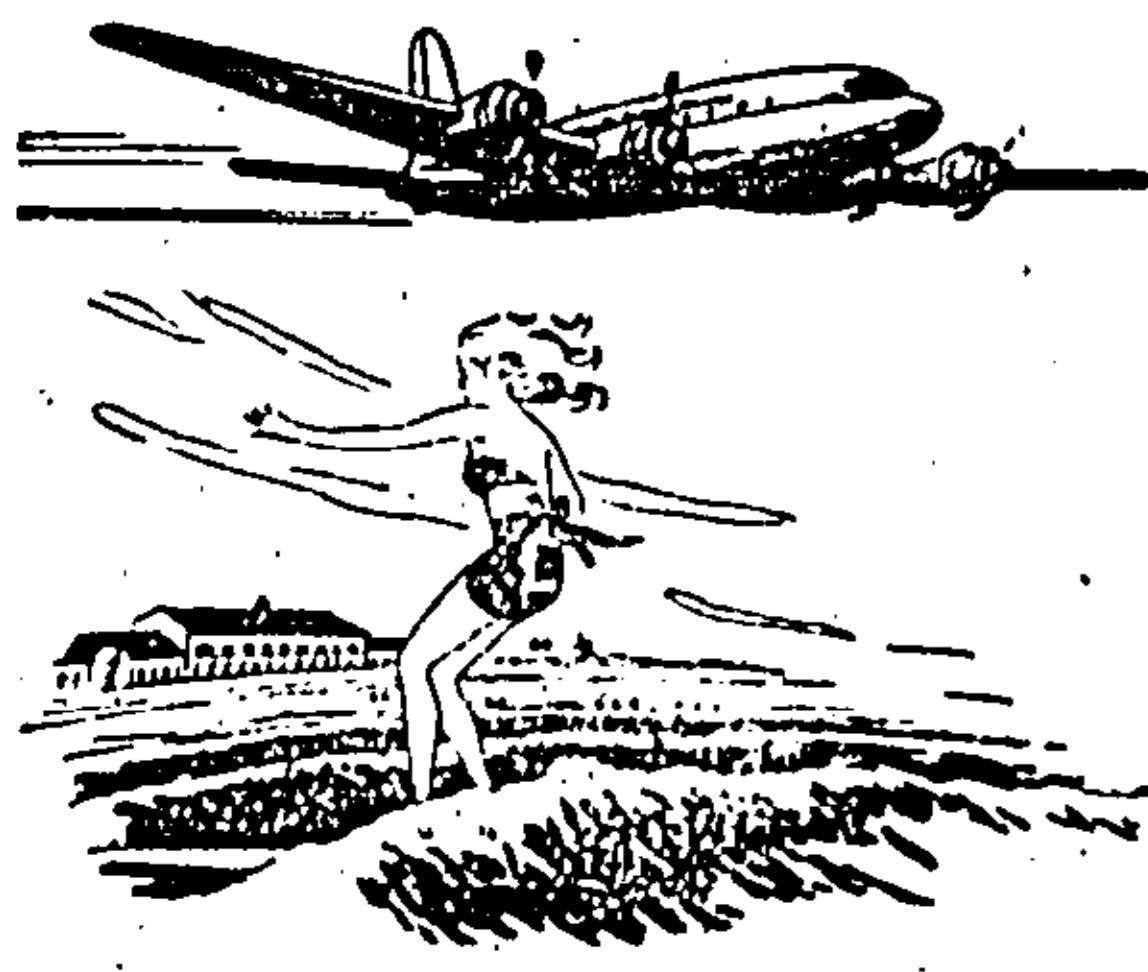
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**DEATHS**

BARROS—JOAO CINZA, at St.  
Rafael Hospital, Macao on  
Monday, January 30, 1950.

LISTER—Joyce, wife of G. S. M.  
Lister and daughter of Mr.  
& Mrs. A. C. Henning of  
Peking, on 28th January,  
1950. Service took place at  
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Mrs. E. Barclay and Campbell  
have pleasure to thank their  
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Hong Kong Union Church  
Rebuilding Fund.

**THE INDUSTRIAL  
SCENE**

Some time must pass before the Arbitration Board in the Dairy Farm dispute can render its findings. It is a notable gain that the principle of arbitration has been accepted—a gain for common-sense and public interest, to which both parties have made their contribution. Professor Robertson should have the fullest co-operation in his task, for which he is well-equipped both as an impartial public figure and as a professional economist and political scientist.

The Labour Unions are said to have resented the management's refusal of the Labour Adviser, but judging by the precedents with which we are familiar he may well be required as an expert witness. The Board will, of course, have as its specific task the arbitration of a single dispute. But in the course of the hearings, issues more or less common to all the existing disputes will be touched upon. The wider the terms of reference are, within this principle, the better. One of them, we venture to suggest, should be the establishment of better machinery within each major industry so as to prevent delays and deadlocks and enable both parties to maintain continuous contact.

It would also do much to prevent the victimisation of the workers for purely political ends—a prospect that cannot be overlooked, whether in the light of the damage done in the past, or in the fears of the future. The Seamen's strike a generation ago caused great distress and ended in scandalous racketeering, which long outlasted the settlement of the dispute.

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As a potential rehearsal for a general labour upheaval, the present series of disputes must have proved discouraging. Whether the rash of demands, with their singular unanimity of three dollars a day, was in fact part of a pre-arranged scheme or a simple, spontaneous spreading of the epidemic, is a point best known to the Labour Union leaders themselves. But the rhythm has been irregular. Decisions to make demands and even to make ultimatums were made, and action deferred.

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**The great Debate--No. 2:****"NO, WE CANNOT PUT THE CLOCK BACK"**

By the Rt. Hon Emanuel  
Shinwell, MP

Secretary of State for War

So far the Tory argument that Socialism has failed has not a leg to stand on. It is just rank politics.

Now what about other aspects of Socialism? Certainly we have made an attempt to redistribute the wealth of the country, to put more money into the pockets of the poorer section of the community.

Britain's moral leadership is as strong today as it was at the end of the war, and nobody can say that British democracy, in which we take so much pride, has been impaired.

Now let us examine the Tory case. I am unable to examine the Tories' policy, because they haven't got a positive one. All that they have is a negative case against the Labour Government.

Well, what is it? First of all they argue that Socialism has failed. But everybody knows that.

80 per cent of industry in Britain

remains in private hands, so that it can hardly be said that Socialism has had a chance.

And it has not had a chance. It obviously cannot have failed.

Now what about the rest of industry, the 20 per cent? Nationalisation of coal was inevitable.

Even a large and influential section of the Tory Party recognised that sooner or later the mining industry must be transferred from private hands to the State.

As for electricity and gas, which have now been nationalised, most of it was already vested in the local authorities.

Now the question is whether these industries pay. First of all I must point out that it may be necessary to transfer an industry or a service to the State whether it pays or not. The Army, Navy, and Air Force are controlled by the State, but there is no question of profit-making.

Nevertheless the mining industry under nationalisation is already showing signs of paying its way. If I am told that that is because the price of coal is high I point out that one of the reasons why certain privately owned industries pay is because they charge high prices.

There is not the least doubt that electricity, under nationalisation, will pay, and the same applies to gas.

Now what about transport? We have nationalised the railways. They never were regarded as a paying proposition for the shareholders. Indeed the shareholders have more security now than they had before. But nationalised transport has not had a fair chance. Surely all reasonable people will agree that we must give this nationalised service the opportunity of re-organising itself, of cutting out a lot of dead wood, and developing along modern lines.

all to the good. If they can be strengthened, and moderation encouraged, so much the better. One of them, we venture to suggest, should be the establishment of better machinery within each major industry so as to prevent delays and deadlocks and enable both parties to maintain continuous contact.

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we pay 10d. a lb for margarine. In France it is 2s. 1d., in Austria 4s. 5d., in Switzerland 2s. 10d., and in the United States 1s. 3d. Even in Denmark, it is 1s. 11d. Our bread is as cheap as anywhere in Europe, and much cheaper than in the United States. The same applies to many other commodities.

What would the women say as a result of a cut-in subsidies, the cost of living rose by 20 per cent?

Would the Tories economise on the social services? If so, where? Would they economise on housing subsidies?

The fact is that the Tories have been talking simply in the hope of creating prejudice against the Government. But they have no real intention of economising, and they know very well that they dare not.

What about agriculture? Do they suggest that Labour has not done enough? The acreage of land under cultivation in 1938 was 12,900,000. In 1949 it was 18,300,000. The income from farming in 1938 was £60,000,000. In 1948 it was £248,000,000. What about the farm workers?

Belgium has had 430,000,000 dollars, but the percentage of unemployment last September in that country was 11.4 of the insured population. Contrast that with the unemployment figures in Britain.

Lastly, there are more than 4,000,000 unemployed in the United States, and that is the country which provides the Marshall Aid, where is the Tory argument now?

What would the Tories do if they had power? They had a great deal to say about the economy cuts. Would they economies still further? If so, on what? Would it be on defence? In fact, their defence proposals may cost a great deal more.

Would they economise on food subsidies? Mr. Eden has given some indication that the Tories would.

Now at the present time we are enjoying lower prices in Britain because of food subsidies. Let us see one or two figures. In Britain

in 1948 it was £248,000,000. What about the farm workers?

Their average minimum wage in 1939 was 35s. a week. In March 1949 it was 94s. a week.

Then we are told that the Government is incompetent. Well, that is just cheap. Anyhow, it does not lie in the mouths of some of the people sitting on the Front Opposition Bench to talk about incompetence. Just examine their record. I am prepared to leave it at that.

No, whatever happens, we cannot put the clock back. We cannot arrest social progress, and the question we have to consider at the election is whether Labour can do better than the Tories.

Well, the fact is that the Tories never wanted to do the things that we have always wanted to do, and the fact that now that we have a chance we have made a start, should convince every elector that the Right Road for Britain is to vote Labour.

When asked by one young man why she went to all that trouble powdering her face before going out, Myrtle replied it was modesty; she had no desire to shine in public.

The two small girls had been given parts in the school play. After dinner they got into an argument as to who had the more important role.

Judy, aged 10, was very superior. "Why, of course mine's the biggest part," she told five-year-old Lucy. "Anybody'll tell you it's much harder to be a virgin than an angel."

No, Myrtle, celibacy is not the crime a priest commits when he marries.

"Well, dear, how is married life?"

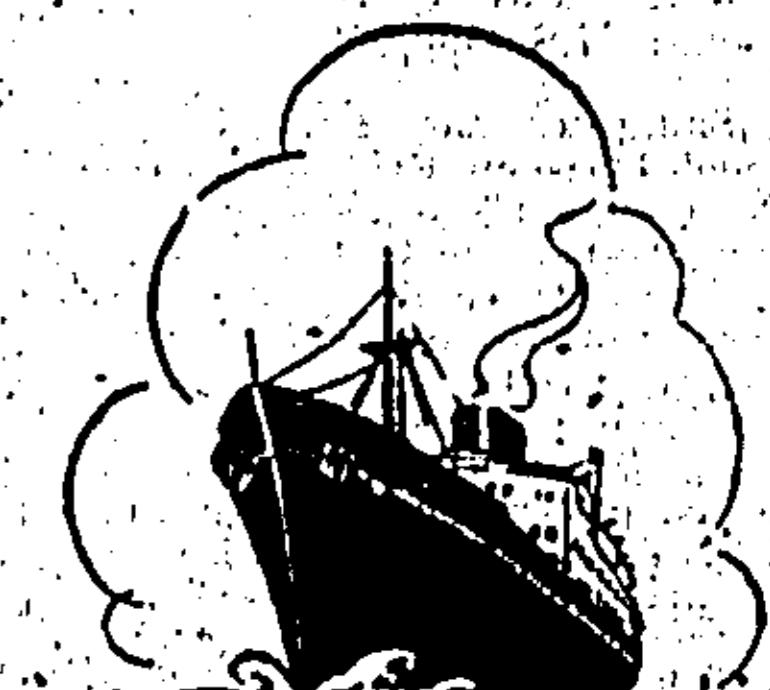
"Lovely, but what do you think? My husband really does stammer, and I always thought it was emotion."

"It works." This is Labour's slogan to prove that planning is a success. But if the country is on the whole well disposed to Labour, it is not because of planning. "Planning" was the magic word which bewitched the electorate of 1945, sick of the disasters of war and mass unemployment which, it was said, had come about because nobody had controlled events. Since then, planning has had its chance. The public is sceptical about the benefits.

"Jobs for the boys." This is the Tory globo at the high-salaried posts in the boards to control nationalised undertakings. This is regarded by most of the electorate as ill-natured and ranterous. It has done the Tories more harm than good.

The campaign has begun and slogans are not likely to decide the result. Most of the electorate is serious and intelligent; they want argument, not slogans. The party which cheapens the campaign will probably lose.

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# CAMPAIGN FOR H-BOMB GATHERING MOMENTUM

## "Suicidal for America to cease development"

Washington, January 29.

Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the Atomic Energy Committee, in a speech yesterday, said:

"The United States should arm itself with the hydrogen bomb. The security of the nation and our people require that we provide our armed services with the best possible weapons."

"We must remain strong. We want to preserve the peace of the world and the hydrogen bomb will serve that cause just as the atomic bomb had done since it ended the war and gave us peace."

## U.S. MUST BUY MORE UK GOODS

New York, January 29. The chief of British exports, Sir Cecil Weir, has driven home to Americans that, for their own good, they must assist in closing Britain's dollar gap by buying British goods.

Before leaving for Canada, at the close of his American tour, Sir Cecil surveyed the prospects of speeding up Britain's dollar drive.

"I have been trying to get it into the minds of our many powerful friends here that a two-way trade is vital to American farmers, cotton-growers and tobacco-growers," he said.

"These and others don't like the British lack of dollars. They realise that the more success we have in our dollar drive, the better chance they will have to sell their products."

Sir Cecil said he had seen a large number of leading Americans in the Government, Marshall Aid, and financial and business circles.

Everywhere, he had found recognition that any success Britain might have would help not only Britain, but also the United States.

There was more than philanthropy and help to war allies behind Marshall Aid.

There was more than the political plan to restore war-damaged West European economies and eliminate discontent and poverty which would fertilise Communist efforts to obtain power.

There was the...hard-headed business plan to sell American primary produce in world markets and eventually regain her markets for secondary products. —Reuter.

## Another jewel robbery in NY

New York, January 29. Mrs. Maxine Sanson reported to the police early today that she had been robbed of jewels and other valuables worth U.S.\$500,000.

She said she left her apartment between Park and Madison Avenues early on Saturday evening to visit the Criterion Theatre and discovered the robbery when she returned and discovered the empty jewel box on a chair in the living room when she entered the apartment. She rushed to the hall closet where she found 12 empty boxes that had contained articles of great value.

The first reports said the stolen jewels were worth U.S.\$1,000,000 but the police said after preliminary investigation "you can cut that estimate in half."

The robbery closely paralleled that of Billy Rose, Broadway producer, whose Heckman Place apartment was robbed of U.S.\$25,000 in jewels last Thursday while he was attending a movie premiere. —United Press.

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## MAQUIS BEHIND CURTAIN

New York, January 29. The former United States Ambassador to Moscow, Lieutenant-General Walter Bedell Smith, said today that a fairly well organised underground in Russia proved that the Communists have not swept away all the vestiges of opposition behind the Iron Curtain.

He was speaking at an anti-Communist conference sponsored by the American Legion, which began yesterday.

General Smith, who also stated that the Communist Party in the United States received direct orders from Moscow, said: "There is a strong Maquis movement in Lithuania due to the collectivisation of agriculture."

Other anti-Soviet centres of opposition had developed in Latvia and the Ukraine, though Soviet police action had largely eliminated the Ukrainian group.

General Smith added that the underground organisation made it possible for anti-Communists to cross through Soviet territory, moving from one group to another.

There is a constant and direct chain of command from the Kremlin to Communist parties in other countries, General Smith said.

"More than 200,000,000 Russians are ruled by a single political party which has less than 6,000,000 members. This regime is cemented by secret police and nailed in place by bayonets."

Asked whether the Soviet Union directed the Communist Party in the United States, General Smith replied: "The evidence is profound and conclusive that that is the case. We also see examples of it in Czechoslovakia and Poland."

"There is direct dictation and direct advice, and the evidence on that is indisputable." —Reuter.

## DE GAULLE ON RED PLAGUE

Dijon, January 29. General Charles de Gaulle told regional group leaders of his French People's Rally here today that France must be healed of the "plague of Communism."

"It is only after that process that we could crush those who still persisted in taking orders from abroad," he said.

"We want to rebuild France's prosperity by far-reaching social reforms not for the benefit of a few people but for all Frenchmen."

"The party regime is coming to an end. Sooner or later the French people will have their way. Then, enlightened by events and by the Rally, they will voice their viewpoint from one end of France to the other." —Reuter.

## PLOT FOILED BY GREEK ARMY

Athens, January 29. The Greek Army has foiled a Communist plan to reorganise a rebellion in urban areas, the newspaper, "Nouvelles Militaires" said here. According to the report, the Central Committee of the Communist Party decided last November to instruct scattered Communist bands to "contact the towns and Press on a reorganisation of the rebellion."

The National Army crushed the failure of these plans throughout the greater part of the country," the report added.

In the last quarter of 1949, 703 guerrillas were killed, 1,051 were captured and 1,248 surrendered during "mopping up" operations, the paper said. —Reuter.

## MASSACRE DANGER IN INDO-CHINA

Paris, January 29. M. Paul Coste-Floret, former Minister of Colonies, said tonight that if France opened talks with Ho Chi-minh, leader of the French Indo-China nationalists, and evacuated her troops all Frenchmen in Indo-China and the Indo-Chinese supporting Bao Dai would be massacred.

Addressing the Executive of the Popular Republican Movement, of which he is a member, M. Coste-Floret added, "There would also be serious difficulties in the international field." —Reuter.

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## War supplies being shipped to Taiwan

Taipei, January 29. British ships are bringing war supplies to Taiwan. These include large quantities of barbed wire and aviation petrol, but, as far as can be ascertained, no arms or ammunition.

The barbed wire is being brought from Japan on the proceeds of Taiwan's exports of sugar to that country.

Already barbed wire defences have been erected along likely invasion landing sites.

The Nationalists are also buying much-needed commodities from the Communists in North China; but this trade is limited as the Russians are reported to be taking up approximately 60 per cent of the output.

Eatable oils and soya bean cakes, which are used for cattle fodder and fertilizer, are reaching this island from Red China by way of Hong Kong. —Reuter.

## Consequences of Winston speech worry Tories

London, January 29. In Parliamentary quarters today there is much speculation about the possible consequences of the speech by the Conservative leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, in his own Woodford (Essex) constituency last night.

Mr. Churchill, abandoning the caution and moderation which characterised his broadcast to the nation a week ago attacked "the sorry and wanton machinations" of the Liberals.

He fell upon the Socialists with even greater force, professing to see a "hidden plot" in their election manifesto.

A section of British political thought—some of it favourable to Mr. Churchill and the Conservatives—considers that in 1945 the wartime leader alienated a section of the electorate by his attack on the Socialists at the start of the election campaign.

Today they are again asking whether in this case Mr. Churchill, by his forthright assault on the two political adversaries of the Conservatives, might not tend to estrange the sympathy of the Middle class "floater".

The coveted political floating vote is believed to be largely Liberal in instinct, even if it considers the Liberal Party's bid for revival to be a lost cause.

The Liberals have refused to enter into an anti-Socialist pact with the Conservatives.

But the Conservative Party is clearly hopeful that a considerable proportion of the Liberal-minded section of the electorate—preferring right-wing to left-wing Government—will vote Tory in the belief that with Mr. Churchill at the helm "middle" candidates will be.

Asked whether the Conservatives were now planning to run 400 candidates in the hope that by splitting the vote they may frustrate the will of the majority of the nation.

The effect of this structure on the main Liberal Party and its adherents has still to be seen.

Mr. Dingle Foot, former Liberal Minister in the wartime Coalition Government, today answered Mr. Churchill's recent charge that Liberal candidates were splitting the anti-Socialist vote in the forthcoming General Elections.

"Mr. Churchill stated that the Liberal Party by splitting its votes may frustrate the will of the majority of the nation," Mr. Foot said.

The new taxes, as agreed upon by the National Assembly at the first reading, amount to \$141,000,000 francs.

The Finance Minister, Maurice Poische, who had abstained at the morning session while urging the Assembly to maintain the tax increases, was back on the Government bench when the debate was resumed this evening. He took part in the exchanges and was reported to have recovered. —Reuter.



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## Bergman's husband to file suit for divorce in U.S.

Hollywood, January 29.  
Dr. Peter Lindstrom announced today that he will file a suit in California to divorce Miss Ingrid Bergman after he received "third-handed information" which clarified reports of her pregnancy.

He would not say whether the information revealed that she was or was not pregnant but did announce he would not fight her "quickie" divorce action in Mexico nor appear at the proceedings.

In a statement issued through his spokesman, John Vernon, the surgeon said he would go ahead with plans to get a California divorce and it would be filed as soon as agreement is reached on property settlement and custody of the child.

The statement read by Mr. Vernon said, "Dr. Lindstrom wishes to abide by the laws of his adopted country and therefore he has no intention of appearing in Mexico proceedings, but will leave all issues to the California court. To this end he has just engaged a local firm of attorneys, Shepherd and Shepherd, to work in association with his New York attorney, Lawrence E. Brinn."

Mr. Vernon confirmed that the statement implied that Dr. Lindstrom will file for a divorce in California against the film star.

Miss Bergman now in Rome, had her attorneys file for a Mexican divorce in Juarez on Wednesday, charging her husband with cruelly on the grounds that he overworked her. She said she hoped to gain a Mexican divorce by the middle of February so she could marry the Italian film director, Roberto Rossellini.

In Rome, Rossellini refused to tell newsmen last week whether Miss Bergman was expecting a child within a short time. Touching on that point, Mr. Vernon's statement said there had been rumours in December "there were certain reasons" to hasten the divorce. He said, "The doctor and his lawyer then repeatedly tried to learn the truth of the matter. It was not until just a week ago that third-handed information seemed to clarify this question."

### Misleading stories

Mr. Vernon refused to state what this information was.

Mr. Vernon said he wanted to correct some of the misleading stories that implied that Miss Bergman was forced to file the Mexican action "because the doctor has been making unreasonable demands and thereby prevented a divorce in a jurisdiction court."

Mr. Vernon said, "Contrary to impressions from recent reports from Mexico, Miss Bergman's attorneys have figures submitted by me some time ago which not only show Dr. Lindstrom's financial assets but also set forth the appro-

priate treatment of the doctor and his wife." Aided by tugs, the 9,032-ton British ship, Madura, limped into Grand Harbour today to repair a slight mechanical damage and also to land a suspected assassin.

The sick passenger, Miss Priscilla Bedford, was returning to East Africa after a holiday in England. The Madura is owned by the British-India Steam Navigation Company, Limited, and is registered at Glasgow.—Reuter.

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## British recognition of Bao Dai

London, January 29.  
Britain is expected to grant de facto recognition to the Vietnam Government of ex-Emperor Bao Dai next weekend after the return to London of Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Bevin, according to the latest information, is due back in London next Friday.

A Foreign Office spokesman tonight declined to make any comment on British intentions and it is clear that final decision must await the Foreign Secretary's return.

It is expected that British recognition will follow promptly on his arrival in London since the French Assembly has now ratified the agreement of March, 1949, between France and ex-Emperor Bao Dai by which the powers of Government were transferred to him.—Reuters.

## New Moscow Underground



Soviet leaders in Moscow are proud of at least one Underground system—it's the new extension to the city's Underground rail network. The new rail web is praised as one of the world's most modern and efficient, outshining the Underground systems of London and New York. Photo shows interior of the new Taganskaja Station, one of the many on the extension project. (Associated Press Photo).

## ERITREAN TERROR MOVEMENT

Asmara, January 29.  
The shootings, lootings and bomb-throwings in Eritrea do not mean war between the Eritreans and Italians, but between Unionist and Independent factions, according to neutral observers in Asmara today.

The terrorist activities in Eritrea, they say, have created a wrong impression abroad that there is fighting between Italian settlers and Eritrean natives.

The victims of terrorism, they point out, included not only Italians, but other Eritreans as well.

Abdel-Kader Mohammed Saleh Kebir, an Eritrean Moslem leader who opposed the union of Eritrea with Ethiopia, was shot in the street in March, 1949.

Hand grenades were thrown at or into the houses of other Eritrean anti-union leaders.

Another fact against the idea of a war between two peoples in Eritrea is that so far it has been entirely a one-sided conflict, only the unionist natives attacking the Italians and independentists, and never the reverse.

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## ASIA EXPORTS TO U.S. SHOW BIG INCREASE

Washington, January 29. Asiatic countries shipped US\$108,400,000 worth of merchandise to the United States during November, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce reported.

This is about US\$6,000,000 more than the goods shipped during October and a sharp increase over the US\$87,100,000 worth sent here during November, 1948.

## Siegfried Line a smugglers' paradise

Aachen, January 29.

Germany's once menacing Siegfried line has become a haven for smugglers.

Nightly they slip through its battered tank traps and ghostly bunkers to carry coffee across the Belgian border into Germany.

German customs police have had their lives made miserable by the tenacious and crafty smugglers who confine themselves almost exclusively to coffee, a luxury commodity for which Germans are willing to pay any price.

The customs police are using dogs to help them track down and capture the smugglers. The dogs are trained to stop a smuggler without harming him. They simply leap at his chest, knock him flat, then sit on guard while they bark for help.

Three-man patrols use one dog to an area about one mile wide and three miles deep along the border and they work in 24 shifts.

The smugglers carry knives or brass knuckles and they have worked out several methods of distracting the police.

Most of the smugglers work for chiefs who stay comfortably in Belgium ranking in profits estimated at about 15 shillings pound on the roasted beans they send across the line. Nobody knows what the wage scale is for the runners.

## NEW OUTRAGE IN MALAYA

Singapore, January 29. Communist terrorists ambushed a rubber estate lorry at Kota Tinggi, Johore State, killing six police and four labourers.

They set the lorry on fire and threw four of the bodies into the flames.

Three policemen and one labourer were wounded in the attack.

In Selangor State, insurgents carried off three Chinese from a tin mine, bound them and shot them dead.

The rebels stabbed the wife of a Chinese rubber tapper while her husband was forced to look on.

Police and Gurkha troops killed seven terrorists in various clashes. —Associated Press.

## Communists accuse U.S. Vice-Consul

San Francisco, January 29. The American Vice-Consul in Sinkiang was accused by the Communists today of being a hardriding "spy" who tried to organise the bandits of the Sinkiang wilderness.

This latest in a long series of Red propaganda attacks on U.S. diplomats charged that Mr. Douglas S. MacKernan "has been exposed as an espionage agent" by three White Russian confederates who surrendered to the Reds.

The broadcast from Peking by the official New China News Agency was heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press.

## Suspect arrested in jewel theft

Marseilles, January 29. The French police probing the theft of £200,000 worth of jewellery from the Aga Khan and his Begum last August, made another arrest tonight.

Nice police, reporting that they held 28-year-old Urbain Glaoum on suspicion of complicity in the robbery said, "We found a small arsenal at his house, including Tommy-guns, rifles and revolvers."

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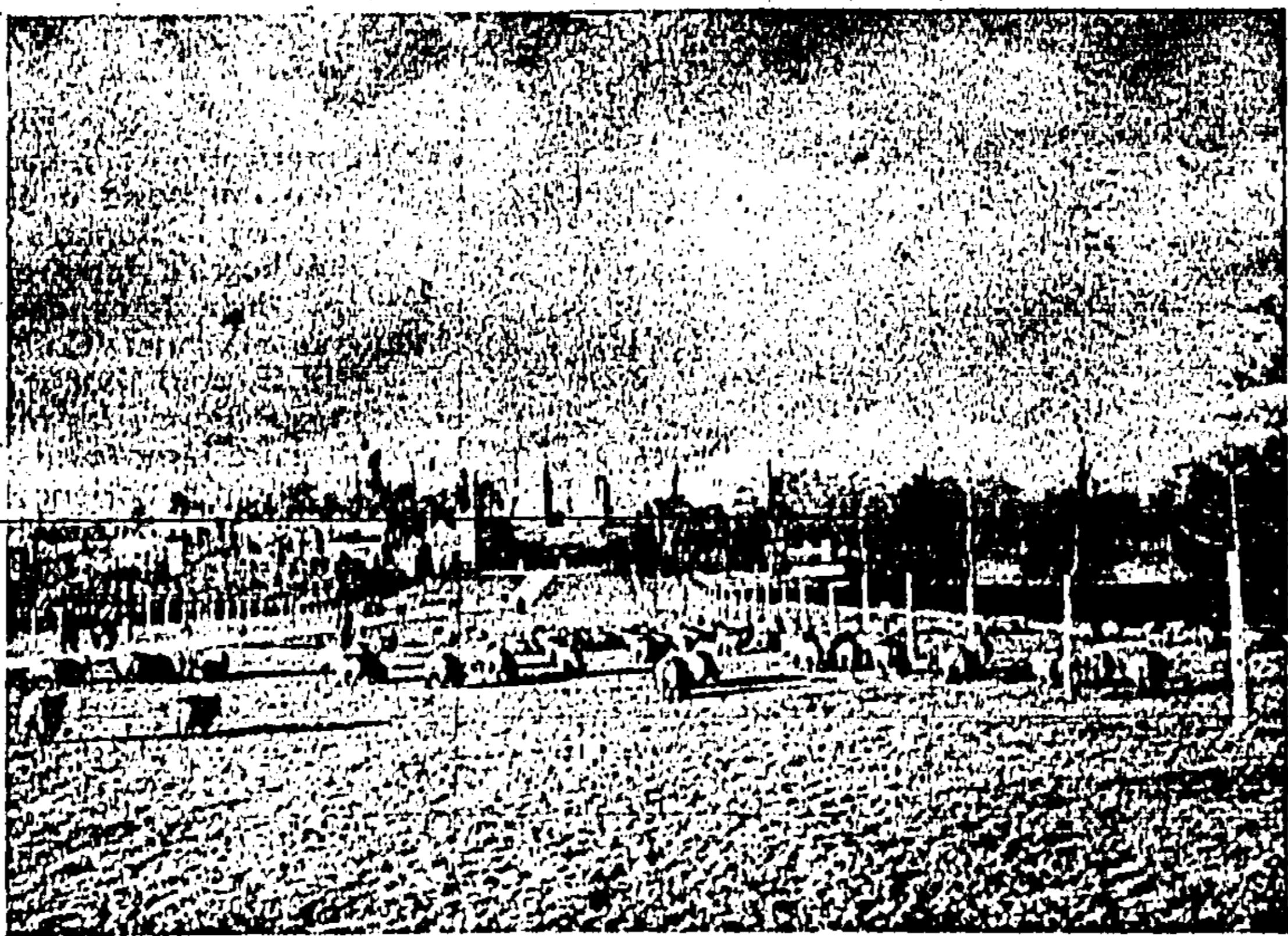
Only about half of the Begum Aga Khan's jewels were in the bundle dumped outside a police station here three nights ago. Jewellers going over the retrieved treasures reported tonight.

They estimated the value of the recovered jewels to be about £100,000,000 francs.

The total theft amounted to £180,000 francs.

A Paris jeweller who sold most of the stolen jewellery to the Aga Khan and his wife arrived here yesterday to take part in the enquiry. —Reuter.

## Sheep replace Windsor deer



King George VI has decided to continue farming at Windsor Castle. Farming was started there during World War Two. The King's decision means the dispersal of the herd of deer kept at Windsor for 300 years and their replacement by sheep. The building of Windsor was begun in A. D. 1272. (Associated Press Photo).

## RUSSIANS TAKING OVER BULGARIA'S ENTIRE ECONOMY

Bolgrad, January 29. Soviet Russia is taking over Bulgarian economy lock, stock and barrel and deriving huge profits at the expense of her satellites, according to Press reports published here in Yugoslavia. Such information as is available from Western diplomatic sources tends to confirm the reports.

The Belgrade newspaper "Glas," organ of the Serbian People's Front, has alleged, for instance, that Bulgaria cannot act independently as regards foreign trade.

Some 80 per cent of her exports, the newspaper said, go to the Soviet Union and Russia does not allow Bulgaria to trade with other countries without her permission.

According to "Glas," the Bulgarians have made several attempts to escape the Kremlin's eagle eye in this matter, but so far without success. The paper cited three examples:

1. In October, 1948, it declared, Bulgaria bought two shiploads of timber from Rumania intending to re-sell them to Turkey. One of the ships got through to Istanbul unnoticed, but the other was stopped in the Black Sea by a Soviet naval patrol and ordered to return.

The reason given, according to "Glas," was that if Bulgaria wanted to re-sell timber she must sell it first to Russia who would then re-sell it for her.

### Austrian pact

2. In January, 1949, Bulgaria signed a trade pact with Austria, agreeing to deliver mainly agricultural products. But, according to "Glas," the Russians, with Occupation troops in Austria, soon turned this into a kind of tripartite arrangement in which Bulgarian exports were to be used as food for the Red Army.

The Soviet Union, Bulgaria was told, would deliver her some articles in payment.

3. In a third instance, when Bulgaria began talks to renew their 1948 compensation agreement with Italy for another year, the Soviet leaders, according to "Glas," indicated that they would prefer to see the agreement cancelled altogether.

Meanwhile, the newspaper alleged, Bulgarian exports to Russia had to be of the best possible quality and in the exact quantities demanded, "regardless of the harm this did to Bulgarian economy or to other countries with whom Bulgarians had trade relations."

The conclusion is very clear. It added, "Bulgarian economy is subordinated to the interests of the Soviet Union and this is also one of the chief causes for the present economic difficulties in Bulgaria."

The newspaper alleged that this subordination was also apparent in connection with the "technical aid" that Russia was supposed to give Bulgaria.

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## New cold war phase predicted

Washington, January 30. A new Russian Communist spring offensive in the cold war is expected by many informed Washington officials. Whether the main move will come in South East Asia, the Middle East or Central Europe is not predicted.

Some officials expressed belief the planning of strategy may be an important item in the current planned meeting of the leaders of Red China and Russia.

This view is reported to be held even by those who contend along with the U. S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, that Russia is alienating the Chinese by taking over huge areas of Northern China. The assumption is that the conflict between Russia and China will develop slowly while their common interest in spreading Communist power is already full grown.

State Department experts appear divided on the question of what forces actually are most important in Russian policy at the moment. They seek a common denominator for a wide range of actions, including the Soviet squeeze on Western transport in Germany, Bulgaria's recent demand for withdrawal of the American Minister at Sofia, the pressures on Americans in China, and the casual way in which Chinese Communists have turned their backs pretty generally on the whole West.

### Sense of triumph

On the broad sense of Communist-Russian pushing and probing at many points around the cold war front, some officials here believe the indications is this: That an important driving force in present Russian policy is the tremendous sense of triumph born out of the victory in China. By this line of reasoning, Russia is now primarily interested in keeping the influence of world Communism rolling forward.

Most officials, however, seem persuaded that, in spite of their Communist victory in China the Russians are motivated mainly by fear of Titoism. In this view, their greatest concern now is to wipe out Marshal Tito, tighten constantly their control over Eastern European satellites, and assert their authority firmly over the Communist leaders of China.

Either of the theories, or a combination of both, leads to a forecast of aggressive Russian action in the months immediately ahead—rather than to any new hopes for easing the world into a cold war truce. —Associated Press.



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## U.S. BUSINESS SLOWED BY UNSETTLED STATE OF LABOUR FRONT

New York, January 29.

Unsettled labour conditions slowed business and industry the past week. The first major strike in 1950 coupled with unfavourable operating conditions caused by the coal shortage and bad weather in many areas was too much for the United States economy to take on without showing some effects.

Principal results:

Slight decline in overall industrial production for the first time this year.

Sharp expansion in unemployment, probably to the highest aggregate since the business slump last year. Many thousands of workers voluntarily joined those already jobless and others were forced to stay home because of the secondary effects of industrial strife.

Slump in retail trade in the areas immediately involved and cautious buying in other parts of the country.

Repeated spells of nervousness by stock and bond markets which

clipped nearly one half billion dollars from the quoted value of listed shares during the week.

Business sentiment, therefore, was not quite as confident and jaunty as it was at the start of the new year.

Still robust

While industrial production and business generally were hampered by the sudden worsening of the labour situation, everything did not collapse at once. Judged by any measuring device other than those in style during the highly inflated war period, production, distribution and demand for goods and services was at high level.

It will take more than a

strike at one major motor car factory and recurring work stoppages in coal mines to inflict anything more than glancing blows at the currently strong economy.

A late report of the Federal Reserve Board, showing industrial production up to 178 of the 1935 average in December and still expanding at the latest look in mid-January, provided good evidence of the trend.

Attesting to the still robust condition of the motor car industry and the excellent prospects for good business conditions in future months was the attendance of more than 320,000 persons at the General Motors show in New York.

Steel operations

Young Henry Ford set his organization's production goal at a new high for the first six months of this year, and his brother, Benson, told a meeting of Lincoln-Mercury supervisors that this country faced the greatest potential market for goods and services since the end of the war.

The industry's newest member, Kaiser Frazer, announced that production of a low price car will begin rolling off assembly lines in March.

Steel mill operations were at 93.0 per cent the past week compared with the revised rate of 95.0 the week before. Tonnage was estimated at 1,790,000 compared with 1,810,800 and 1,839,600 in the two earlier periods.

Electric power output hit a record high again the past week. That is the second in a row. A total of 6,041,158,000 kilowatt hours were used by all consumers. Associated Press

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2.02—"It's Swing Time."

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7.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15—"Letter from America"—by Alice T. Cooke. (London Relay Recorded)

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8.10—"From 2000"—Bert Gillette at the Hammond Organ.

8.10—"The Blue Danube"—The True Story of the Strauss Family and Their Contemporaries. (Ep. 19).

9.00—"Forum of the Air"—Members of Allstar Hall-Kerr—A. E. Hall, F. Ryan, G. Quinn, General Clarke of the Montreal Standard and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Question Master: Norman Tucker.

9.20—Interlude.

9.40—Operatic Arias.

10.00—Radio News Relay.

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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

### W. Germany may help in industrialising Red China

Washington, January 30.  
The Foreign Policy Association, a private research body popularly regarded as objective, warned today that Russia may invite Western Germany to help carry out industrialisation of Communist China.

It contended, "Such an invitation could not be lightly disregarded by any German government whether controlled by industrialists hostile to Communism or by Communists."

In a current issue of its periodically published "Foreign Affairs Bulletin," the Association said: "Hitherto advocates in the United States of non-recognition of Chinese Communists have assumed that sooner or later the Peking regime, finding Russia incapable of furnishing technical aid and equipment needed for China's industrialisation, would have to turn to the United States."

The Association asked, however, whether this was a sound assumption. It said, "Aside from the capacity of Britain... to supply some of China's needs, larger opportunity is being hinted at. This is the possibility that Russia might invite Western Germany, already looking about for export outlets, to produce technicians and machinery for industrialisation of China."

A check with Administration officials concerned with German policy questions revealed they are familiar with the line of thinking presented in this Association report but some were inclined to take the position that it might be over optimistic.

**Similar relations**

They pointed out from several stand-points that potential relation of Japan with Communist China might be considered similar to that envisaged by the Association for Germany. The Japanese vision of Greater Asia ("Co-Prosperity Sphere") was based largely on the theory that Japan would supply the impetus for China's industrialisation to the exclusion of Western powers.

In the event—still considered on the balance to be unlikely—that Western Germany did effect some form of rapprochement with Russia and attempted subsequently to "move in" on the China situation as her ally, it is suggested here that the United States might still have another means which could be used to help control the situation, namely, economic leverage.

This could be used provided the Russian world policy did not entirely prevent Chinese trading outside the Soviet zone. The low-cost Japanese factory goods, which normally would be desired by Chinese, could probably maintain a comparative advantage of considerable value in China's markets. This, if acknowledged, would in effect be playing two former Axis Allies off against each other and could be used to help control the situation.

Some authoritative sources here take the position that the Western Allies have not yet loosened the reins of their control on either Germany or Japan to the extent preventing their quick intercession to check the development of new trade patterns considered dangerous to the security of the Western Democratic world.

It is true these controls have been relaxed in Germany further than in Japan but as the United States High Commissioner for Germany, Mr. John McCloy, pointed out here last week the power of the final Allied veto in both defeated nations still exists and can be invoked if the situation demands.

To a certain degree it is felt here that trade by both Germany and Japan not only with China but also with other countries at the world on both sides of the Iron Curtain should be encouraged. This is the West German policy spoken of on many occasions by the highest United States officials at home and abroad. Up to a point it is not felt that such commercial partners need interfere with broad democratic security objectives in the cold war or the economic interests of the conquering powers.

The possibility, such as it is being developed to the extent

that the Iron Curtain should be breached, is that the United States must stabilise the value of the dollar or face economic disaster.

The Institute says that if the purchasing power of the dollar declines nearly as much in the next 50 years as it did during the first half of the 20th Century, the effect on savings and security programmes will be chaotic.

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### DOLLAR MUST BE STABILISED

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### Money Market

US dollars dropped over the week-end re-opened yesterday at HK\$40.40, closing at \$0.39.

They were put through from HK\$0.43 to \$0.45.

Sterling was unchanged at HK\$10.35, as also were Australian pounds at HK\$12.05.

Plated continued nominal at HK\$12.05 a 100.

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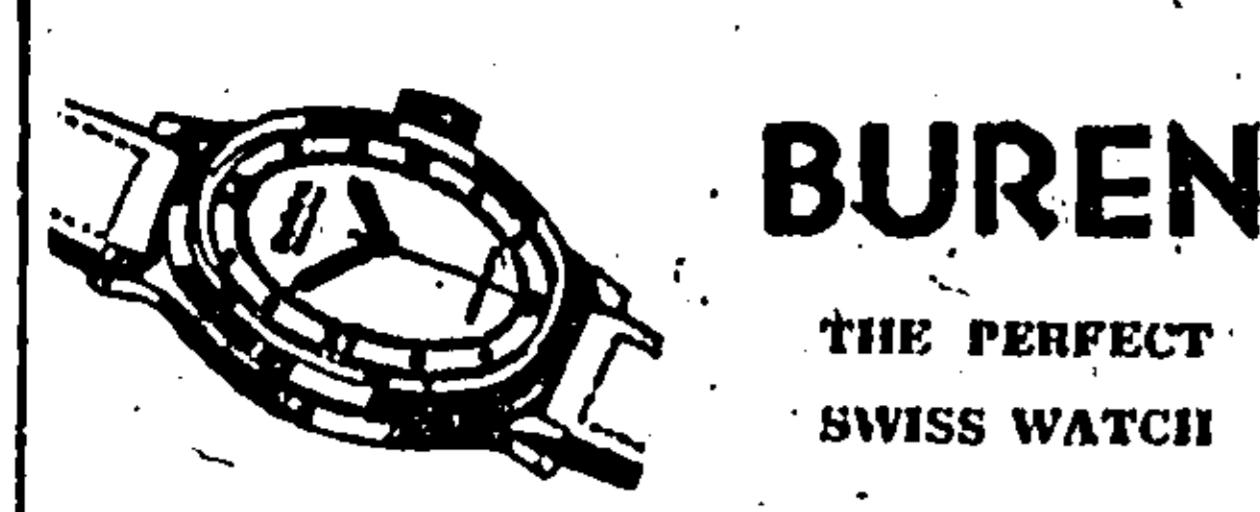
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Sports Page



## RIO PREPARING FOR WORLD SOCCER CUP

Rio De Janeiro, January 29.

### Chinese lose to Manila champions

Manila, January 30. The Turbo Salvaje soccer team, Manila football league champions, last night defeated the Malayan Chinese football team 2-0 before a crowd of 8,000 at Rizal Memorial Stadium.

Turbo Salvaje kept the Malayan team well in check. Tan Bwee-berg was outstanding with powerful kicks.

The Manila goalie, Luis Javellana, started by stopping shot after shot. The Malayan Chinese had beaten the National collegiate selection, 6-1. On Tuesday night, the Malayan Chinese will play a Manila selection. —United Press.

### MALAYA TEAM'S RETURN

At a meeting of the China National Amateur Athletic Federation at the office of Mr. Y. K. Mok at 54 Des Voeux Road, Central yesterday, the two matches with the Malayan Football team when they return from Manila were discussed.

It was decided that the matches will be played on Tuesday, February 7, and Thursday, February 9.

The second of the two matches will be a Charity game and at least one of the two games will be against a Combined Chinese team which will be selected by the Federation.

The League Management Committee, which will meet on Friday, will be approached to decide whether a Combined Hong Kong side or a Combined Chinese team will meet the Malayan in the Charity game.

The committee also decided that beyond issuing two tickets to the Press and possibly five tickets to each Club there will be no other complimentary tickets for the first game to be played on February 7. The prices for tickets will be HK\$5, HK\$3.50 and HK\$2.40.

The game will be played at Caroline Hill and after all expenses have been deducted, the Malayan team will receive 80 per cent of the gate and the Federation 20 per cent.

In the Charity game the Federation proposes to ask South China for a free lease of the ground and will also approach the Revenue Department to see whether it is possible to lower the tax on the tickets for that game.

The Federation also told the Press last evening that a statement of accounts will be published when the present series of matches with the visiting Malaya team concludes.

At the meeting Mr. Mok also said that the Federation had received a letter from the Malayan Chinese Sports Federation to the effect that they are proposing to hold a Far East "Olympics" in Singapore this year for all Overseas Chinese. The "Olympics" include Athletics, Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Swimming, Table-Tennis and Weight-Lifting.

Hong Kong has been invited to send teams to compete in the games.

The World Soccer championship will be decided here in July—on a field surrounded by a moat. This medieval barrier is considered a highly modernistic improvement in the World Cup Stadium now under construction.

The water-filled, nine-foot ditch is to prevent standing spectators from encroaching upon the players.

It replaces the usual high wire fence which keeps the excited public off other South American soccer fields.

The new stadium will seat 120,000 fans and another 30,000 spectators can get in. Brazilians claim it will be the world's largest sports ground and not a bit too big to accommodate the huge crowds which wait see the game in this soccer-mad country.

The football stadium, equipped with bars, restaurants and sleeping space for 50 players, is only the centre piece of a huge sports development which will eventually include facilities for swimming, tennis, athletics, cycling, basketball and gymnastics. The lay-out has a car park for 25,000 vehicles.

### Grass problem

One of the biggest problems for Brazilian ground keepers is to lay down a decent carpet of grass on the playing surface. It is necessary to plant the grass root by root and water it until it "knits"—instead of just throwing down grass seed and waiting for rain.

The result is a fast-growing, harsh, tufty growth which sometimes makes a soccer ball bounce crazily. The field is baked iron-hard by the sun and even a heavy rain will not soften it much. The water just lies on top and evaporates without penetrating the turf.

On this type of surface, South American teams play a lightning fast game in sharp contrast to the British teams which may form their chief competition in June and July.

### Brazil favoured

England and Scotland—both already assured of places in the final 16 teams which will visit Brazil—are used to heavy fields and a soggy ball. Experts here favour Brazil to win the World Cup by capitalising on their experience of the faster fields.

Local teams, sacrifice protection for speed, in their soccer equipment. Shin guards are discarded, shorts are ultra-brief and even the boots are cut down to something closely resembling a baseball shoe.

British authorities have developed a lighter type of boot for use at Rio.

The Brazilian style of soccer is extremely individualistic. Team play is not as highly developed as in some countries. Crowds give their biggest cheers to the flashy dribblers who can control the ball as they gallop the length of the field. —Associated Press.

### SEDMAN WINS

Melbourne, January 30. Frank Sedgman, the Australian Singles Lawn Tennis Champion, retained the title here today by defeating Ken McGregor by 6-3, 6-4, 4-6 and 6-1 in the final. —Reuter.

## Left-handers big problem for MCC

London, January 29.

The success of the 21-year-old left-handed Australian batsman, Neil Harvey, in South Africa will serve to emphasise a point which the English selectors must consider when choosing their team to go to Australia next year.

With the retirement of Sir Donald Bradman and the rare appearances of Sidney Barnes, it would appear that the two biggest problems facing the English bowlers will be the left-hander, Arthur Morris and Neil Harvey.

Morris, though not doing so well in the Tests in South Africa, has already proved himself against England and Harvey, with scores of 176 and 161 not out, has raised up a Test average of nearly 150 on the current tour in South Africa.

In English conditions, the bowlers most likely to worry South Africa are those who concentrate on either in-swingers or off-breaks. In such cases their stock ball moves away from the left-hander. —Reuter.

## FLEET SAILING NOTES

More series of races for boats of the Fleet took place last weekend, and for the first time enough dinghies turned up to make a race on both days, in addition to the whalers.

The weather was disappointing, especially on Sunday, when several whalers, though under way in time, were unable to make the start at all.

On Saturday the four dinghies had a slow race but a close tussle. They took 2 hr. 20 min. to cover three laps, but only 5 min. separated first and last. Results were:—1st, Jamaica (715 pts); 2nd, Black Swan (Pringle) 570; 3rd, Concord (L. R. Roe) 444; 4th Shoalhaven (L. L. Saenger) 324.

The whalers, too, appeared to have a photo-finish at the end of two-hour sail. The first three home crossed at intervals of 10 and 5 seconds, only to find themselves disqualified and in fact not even starters.

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## Sporting families of Hong Kong

(By "RAMBLER")

Some sports families prominent in cricket, tennis and lawn bowls were mentioned in those columns last week and today we will try to take up those in other branches of sports.

Before leaving lawn bowls, the "Homofolks" who are now the only unknown team in the Colony's "C" Division Shuttle League are mostly drawn from the family.

Less known perhaps, but just as keen in this branch of sport are two other families, the Tsoi family, and the Lam family, who can be regularly seen at the Jockey Club.

### Swimmers

Swimming has the Rosa-Pereiras, the Anderson sisters, the Wong sisters and the Eason sisters. The Rosa-Pereiras, Frans, Berlin, Lionel and Garry have the unusual distinction of each being a Colony interporter. Of these, Lionel has won practically every event in the Colony championships, including the diving and the harbour race.

To the Chinese, the names of the Wong sisters are almost synonymous with swimming. Daughters of the popular S. T. Wong, they were responsible for Hong Kong winning the swimming championship in the last all-China Olympic Meet at Shanghai.

In football we do not yet have a family that are even near to being able to boast of a team.

After this brief resumé of Hong Kong's sporting families, one pertinent question arises in the mind. Is sports ability an inherited family trait? If not, what conditions favour the making of a sportsman, and how can these conditions be afforded them?

## SPORTS GOSSIP

Playing in the San Miguel Darts League last week, C. Whittaker of AC Boundary Street created a record by scoring the maximum of 180 points on three throws in the match against AC Hankow Road.

The previous best feat was made by Garlic of the Royal Air Force who made 161 points.

The Kowloon Cricket Club will hold a dance on Saturday, February 4, commencing at 8 p.m. During the course of the evening

a distribution of lawn bowls prizes will be made to the successful players.

The Kowloon Cricket Club will hold an American Tennis Tournament on Saturday, February 4, starting at 2 p.m. Following tennis there will be a dinner at the Club house and a presentation to Mr. B. W. Bradbury, who is leaving the Colony shortly on holiday. Mr. Bradbury has for many years been the President of the Club.

Mr. J. McElveen, the well-known lawn bowler, won the singles championship of the Kowloon Docks Club for the second year in succession. Mr. McElveen has won the Club singles title on seven previous occasions.

The Docks Club will lose a valuable bowler in J. Black, their left back. Mr. Black is leaving shortly for Singapore on transfer.

Mr. Y. Abbas, who injured his leg in a traffic accident last year, and who did not play in the Lawn Bowls League, will be seen in action when the new season starts. Mr. Abbas will play for the Filipino Club.

W. Marshallay, a comparative newcomer to the game of Lawn Bowls, won three championships and was runner-up in one at the Kowloon Docks Club. Mr. Marshallay won the Wappingham, the Triples, the Rinks and was runner-up in the Pairs.

Robert Tay and Patrick Wong, holders of the Colony Doubles title, beat the Kowloon Crown last year, will be seen in action when the Colony championships start soon. They have again paired to defend their title.

With Miss Riboire as his partner, Robert will also defend the Mixed Doubles title.

After an absence of over 14 years, Mr. A. A. Rumjahn returned to the Colony on a business trip last week from Tien-ting.

Mr. Rumjahn, who is a member of the well-known sporting family, represented the Indian Recreation Club before the war in Cricket and Tennis.

In Tien-ting, Mr. Rumjahn was a name in the sporting world for himself and is a triple Interporter in that port.

He has represented Tien-ting in hockey, swimming and ice hockey and was runner-up on one occasion to the famous Gordon Lum in the singles tennis championships of Tien-ting.

Mr. Rumjahn will be in the Colony for a month. He is the brother of S. A. Rumjahn, former Colony tennis champion and Interporter, and A. K. Rumjahn, former back-stroke champion of the Colony and Interporter.

The next meet will be held on

## FOOTBALL PLAYERS ARE TOO PAMPERED

(By Tommy Lawton)

Are professional footballers too pampered? Is all the specialised training, with all the gadgets for producing fitness which go with it, breeding a race of football "softies"? I've been asked these questions on a number of occasions recently. Now, I'm going to answer them, and the answer is, surprise you. It's in the affirmative.

For the life of me I can't understand why so many of the younger generation of footballers seem to enjoy spending more time on the rubbing table than they do on the field. Yet that is precisely what's happening.

The slightest twinge, the merest bruise, and they're under the trainer's care, often for a much longer period than is necessary.

I probably get as many kicks and knocks as most people, yet from the very moment I collect one I am itching to get back into action.

My psychological approach is that the fitter I kid myself I am, the fitter I shall be and the more quickly, and consequently I get a kick out of life when I hear a trainer say "Oh, he'll be all right, he mends quickly."

But is that true of the players who have come into Soccer since the war? Frankly, as a general rule, it isn't.

### Kidded himself

One club manager was telling me the other day about a man who got a bad bru